

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 9, 10, 12-26, 28, 29, 31 and 32 without prejudice and/or disclaimer.

Please amend the remaining claims to read as follows:

8. (Four times amended) A printing plate packaging box comprising:

a box main body which accommodates a bundle of photosensitive printing plates, which are not sealed within a light-shielding wrapper, and which is provided with a supply opening through which the photosensitive printing plates are taken out;

an opening/closing lid which is removably attached to said box for opening/closing the supply opening; and

a light-shielding member which prevents direct entry of light from outside into the inside of the box main body, provided in the vicinity of a zone in which the box main body and the opening/closing lid are contacted to each other in an assembled state, the light-shielding member being connected to the opening/closing lid such that the light-shielding member blocks the direct entry of light from outside into the inside of the box through the zone in which the box main body and the opening/closing lid are contacted to each other in the assembled state.

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11. (Amended) A printing plate packaging box according to claim 8, wherein a sheet-type material of which surface is smooth and air tight is adhered onto the outer surface of said opening/closing lid.

30. (Twice amended) A combination of a printing plate packaging box and a bundle of photosensitive printing plates, comprising:

said bundle of photosensitive printing plates which are not sealed within a light shielding wrapper; and

said printing plate packaging box including;

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a box main body which accommodates said bundle of photosensitive printing plates and which is provided with a supply opening through which said photosensitive printing plates are taken out;

an opening/closing lid which is removably attached to said box for opening/closing the supply opening; and

a light-shielding member being connected to the opening/closing lid such that the light-shielding member blocks the direct entry of light from outside into inside of the box through a zone in which the box main body and the opening/closing lid are contacted to each other in the assembled state.